

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

F-1575

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

*Old Church Street School*

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

115 E. Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☒ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

50-627

### CONDITION

— EXCELLENT  
X GOOD  
— FAIR

— DETERIORATED  
— RUINS  
— UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

— UNALTERED  
X ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE  
— MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large Georgian style building formerly a public school. It is detached, two tall stories high on the front elevation with a very high basement level, and is four bays in depth. To the rear of this is a slightly recessed, full-width wing of three bays deep. The front facade is thirteen bays wide while the back wing elevation is about twelve bays wide. The front section has a hipped shingled roof with the ridge joining the base of the shingled "A" frame roof of the wing. All brickwork is exposed brick ~~no header~~ common bond.

A high and wide round arched recessed doorway rises up into the three center bay sections topped by a wide brick pediment. This entrance has a four row header arch capped by a brownstone keystone. Twelve brownstone steps lead up through the recession to a round arched doorway with half round overhead. This section now has aluminum framing for the door area. It is capped by a three row header archway. A rectangular brownstone raised panel over the outside entranceway has a classic metal oil lamp (symbol of learning) protruding from it. A one foot high brownstone watertable runs along the front facade just below the first floor windows. All front windows are 8/8 sash, have segmental arches with brown keystones and triangular impost blocks, and roundels are carved in the top of the window frames. The front basement windows are about six ft. high, have 4/4 sashes, and the same type arches as above. There are four (six brick high per course) belt courses running along the front wall from the pavement to the watertable. A fieldstone foundation is faced with brick. There are no windows on the sides of the building. The back facade contains six 8/8 sash windows and two JIB windows 8/8 with a sliding lower panel on the third floor. The second floor contains five 8/8 sash windows, three JIB windows, and two triple windows with 12/12/12 sash. There are two rear glasspaneled doors. Six 4/4 casement windows are in the basement level. All rear windows have three header brick segmental arches. A five string brick cornice fronts the roofline. The second row down is composed of protruding headers giving the appearance of dentils. The front center pediment roof connects at the ridge.

See also 2000 No. 43226

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
C1900-C.F. Bowers Date Survey/		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			
BUILDING DEDICATED 12/31/1900					

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Frederick County Board of Education building, which was built in 1900 by architects Wyatt and Nolting of Baltimore, was the first Girl's High School in Frederick County, 1900-1922. (The Girl's High School started in 1889 in a dilapidated mansion on this site.) The cost of this building was \$25,693.19\*. The building is 131 feet long, 63-1/2 feet wide and 60 feet high. The high school was on the second floor, elementary grades on the first; the basement was used for recreation in inclement weather and for class rooms. The building was completed in seven months and accepted by the County Commissioners on December 31, 1900\*\*. In 1914 an attic was converted into an auditorium. In 1922-1939, co-education was introduced into Frederick City and the entire building used for elementary education for boys and girls. 1940-present date, this building serves as the headquarters for the Frederick County Board of Education. In 1958, a four-room, two-story annex in the rear was torn down for parking space, the interior modernized, and the exterior sandblasted.

\*Annual Report of the State Department of Education, 1901, p.179.

\*\*Minutes of Frederick County Commissioners. Court House

Other sources: Frederick News - May 2, 1900  
Girls High School, a brief history, 1969.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

APRIL 1973

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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